

Browning. During his tenure, Mr. Browning helped to transform the face of Mobile's industrial waterfront and secure the long-term return of Navy shipbuilding to Alabama's port city.

On November 16, Bob Browning officially stepped down as CEO for Austal USA shipbuilding in Mobile to pursue a new business opportunity. He has held Austal USA's top position for the last 2 years after joining the company in 2007.

Bob arrived at Austal as it was establishing itself as a force to be reckoned with in building quality, high-speed ships. For the last decade Austal has been expanding its footprint along the Mobile River and Bob played a significant role in making Mobile home to the largest aluminum shipyard in the world.

Bob guided the growth of Austal's high-speed military shipbuilding program by preparing it to successfully compete in major military contracts. In 2008, Austal secured a coveted \$1.6 billion contract to build joint high-speed vessels, JHSV, for the U.S. Army and Navy. The program is continuing with Austal on track to build the fourth and fifth vessels.

Bob has also well positioned Austal to successfully compete for a \$5 billion U.S. Navy contract to produce ten littoral combat ships. Austal and partner General Dynamics were awarded a contract in 2005 to construct their first LCS, the USS *Independence*, which was commissioned in January 2010.

Under Bob's leadership, Austal has since become the leader in the contract to build the full 10-ship Navy LCS fleet. The Navy is expected to make a decision by the end of the year. The award would mean a doubling of Austal's local workforce of 1,800 employees.

As Bob and his family transition to new challenges, I wish to convey the appreciation of Alabama's coastal community for a job well done. His leadership and his dedication to our local workforce have made our region stronger.

HONORING DANIEL JOHNSON

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and sacrifice of Senior Airman Daniel Johnson. Daniel was killed by an improvised explosive device last month in Kandahar, Afghanistan. He was just 23 years old.

Daniel spent much of his childhood in Minnesota and Wisconsin before moving to Schiller Park, Illinois to live with his grandmother. Family members remember fondly Daniel's lifelong dream to fight for his country and the pride he felt when he put on his uniform. In Afghanistan he disarmed dangerous bombs, continuously risking his life to protect others.

His commitment to service extended beyond the battlefield. Daniel attended Triton College with the admirable goal of one day working as an emergency medical technician. Today, I offer my deepest condolences to all of those who had the privilege to know such a selfless and giving young man.

I join with them in mourning the loss of this brave airman and exemplary American. On behalf of the United States Congress and the 5th district of Illinois I thank him for his cour-

age. To his family, friends, and loved ones: Daniel's country will never forget his service.

IN HONOR OF THE HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to the HealthCare Chaplaincy, a nonprofit multi-faith healthcare organization that is devoted to serving the spiritual needs of patients seeking palliative care and their families. This month, the Chaplaincy hosts its annual "Wholeness of Life" Awards Dinner in Manhattan.

Founded in 1961 by a syndicate of churches, the HealthCare Chaplaincy has served nearly 5 million people, relieving medical suffering and improving the quality of life of countless grateful clients and their families. Over the course of those five decades, the HealthCare Chaplaincy has sought tirelessly to expand palliative care by improving its accessibility, affordability, and quality, and by training qualified chaplains for hospital ministry. As the largest clinical pastoral education and research center of its kind in the United States, the HealthCare Chaplaincy has become an integral part of the medical community, caring for both residential and non-residential patients with serious progressive illnesses and helping to reduce the severity of disease symptoms.

The HealthCare Chaplaincy is hosting its 23rd Wholeness of Life Awards Dinner this month to celebrate its 50th Anniversary. I also wish to congratulate this year's most worthy honorees: the Chairmen of the Board of Trustees, as well as doctors and nurses who excelled at patient care in the palliative medical field.

The HealthCare Chaplaincy's remarkable achievements would not be possible without its President and Chief Executive Officer, the Reverend Dr. Walter J. Smith, and Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Claire Haaga-Altman. A specialist in end-of life palliative care, the Rev. Dr. Walter Smith has served at the HealthCare Chaplaincy for nearly two decades. Ms. Haaga-Altman has served in the non-profit sector for more than 30 years, helping to develop New York City's Access-a-Ride program and fostering and facilitating the growth of the multi-faith palliative medical field. At the Chaplaincy, she is overseeing an innovative and critically needed assisted living program.

Madam Speaker, I salute the work of HealthCare Chaplaincy and I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding work of the HealthCare Chaplaincy and its 2010 honorees for their many contributions to the civic and spiritual life of our Nation.

HONORING ELAINE ROTH FOR HER 42 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elaine Roth, former District Manager of the Social Security Administration field office in Melville, NY, who will be retiring later this year. Her 42-year career with Social Security is a testament to Ms. Roth's dedication to public service.

Ms. Roth's career with Social Security began in 1968 when she was hired as a Claims Representative in Brooklyn, NY. Between then and 1980 she was promoted multiple times and served as Branch Manager of the field offices in Kings Plaza (Brooklyn), Riverhead (Long Island), and Flushing (Queens). She was then promoted to District Manager of the field office in Melville in 1998, a position she held until 2004 when she was asked to join Social Security's National Medicare Planning Task Force.

Throughout her four decades with Social Security, Ms. Roth's many accomplishments have been recognized with various awards. Most notably, she received a Deputy Commissioner's Citation (August 2007 and October 2005), a Component Head's Citation (August 2006), and the Commissioner's Citation—Social Security's highest honor—in September 2005 and three times previously.

Ms. Roth and her husband are long-time residents of Long Island and she will be entering her well-earned retirement as a loving mother of two and a devoted grandmother of one. I thank her for her service to the Second District of New York and wish her all the best in the future.

HONORING ETHAN J. SMITH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ethan J. Smith. Ethan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 332, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ethan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ethan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ethan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Ethan painted and renovated the Pink Hill Park playground prior to that park hosting the Wall That Heals traveling Vietnam War Memorial exhibit.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ethan J. Smith for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.